



## **NATO, the Mediterranean and the Broader Middle East: The Future**

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**Conference Programme**

### **Day One**

**0900 – 0930** *Registration (during which time refreshments will be served)*

**0930 – 1030**

**The Future of the NATO – Mediterranean Dialogue and the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative**

**Keynote addresses:**

*Chair: Rear-Admiral Richard Cobbold CB FRAeS, Director, RUSI*

**0930: Mr. John Colston, NATO Assistant Secretary General for Defence Policy and Planning, NATO**

**Mr. Desmond Bowen CMG, Policy Director, Ministry of Defence, UK**

**1100 – 1130** *Morning Tea & Coffee*

**1130 – 1300**

**The Added Value of NATO's Mediterranean Dialogue and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative**

*Chair: Professor Peter Woodward, Centre for Euro-Mediterranean Studies, University of Reading*

- **Mr. Nicola de Santis, Head Mediterranean Dialogue and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative Countries Section, Public Diplomacy Division, NATO**
- **Dr. Abdullah Al Shayji, Professor of Political Science and Chairman of the American Studies Unit, Kuwait University**
- **Dr. Mohamed Kadry Said, Al Ahram Centre for Political and Strategic Studies, Cairo, Egypt**

**1300 – 1400** *Lunch*

**1400 – 1530**

**Tackling the Common Security Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

*Chair: Mr. Mark Thomas, Middle East and North Africa Programme, RUSI*

- **H.E. Mohammed Belmahi**, *Ambassador of Morocco to the UK*
- **Dr. Mohammed Albaki Hermassi**, *Senior Researcher, Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR) and former Minister of Culture and Foreign Affairs of Tunisia.*
- **Dr. Ian O. Lesser**, *Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson Centre, Washington and President, Mediterranean Advisors, Washington*

**1530 - 1600**    *Afternoon Tea & Coffee*

**1600 - 1730**

**Transformation: Defence and Security in the Mediterranean and in the Broader Middle East**

*Chair: The Rt. Hon Bruce George MP*

- **Dr. Yasar Qatarneh**, *Director, Regional Centre on Conflict Prevention, Institute of Diplomacy, Amman, Jordan*
- **Brigadier (Air) Abdul Aziz Al-Mahmoud**, *Director of the Centre for Military Research and Strategic Study, Qatar*
- **Major-General Yaakov Amidror (res)**, *Program Director, Institute for Contemporary Affairs at the Jerusalem Center of Public Affairs, and Former Head of the IDF National Defence College, Israel*

**1730 – 1900**

***Reception***

## **Day Two**

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**0930 – 1130**

**The Mediterranean Dialogue and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative: Achievements and Future Challenges**

*Chair: Dr Jonathan Eyal, Director, International Security Studies, RUSI*

- **H.E. Thamer Ali-Al-Sabah**, *Director of the President's Office, National Security Bureau, State of Kuwait*
- **Dr. Alberto Bin**, *Head Regional Affairs and Mediterranean Dialogue Section, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division, NATO*

**1130** *Coffee Break*

**1200 – 1300**

**Final Session: Public Diplomacy Challenges for the Transatlantic Community**

*Chair: Rear Admiral Richard Cobbold, Director, Royal United Services Institute*

Closing address: **Ms. Colleen P. Graffy**, *Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, United States of America*

**1300 – 1415** *Lunch*

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